



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – August 1, 2016

FirstNet News

- Last week, FirstNet held a State single point of contact (SPOC) Webinar<<http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/evolution-firstnet%E2%80%99s-cco-metro-engagements-highlight-spoc-webinar>> to provide updates on FirstNet’s shift to a customer care-focused organization and discuss the ongoing and future consultation efforts across the nation. More than 100 stakeholders from 45 states and territories participated. In addition to the FirstNet presentations, SPOC team members from Montana, Oklahoma, and Oregon gave brief accounts of recent consultation engagements held in their states.
- FirstNet has now completed 33 State Governance Body Consultation Meetings with meetings in Hawaii and North Dakota last week. Topics discussed included State Plans, opt-in/opt-out decision considerations, data collection, and funding.
- Board member Kevin McGinnis and FirstNet staff, along with the New Mexico SPOC team, participated in the New Mexico EMS Innovations Conference in Albuquerque. FirstNet led a general session attended by 300 participants including the Navajo Nation, hosted an information booth, and held a number of side meetings with interested participants. Kevin also led an ad hoc discussion with several staff members from the New Mexico State Health Department that addressed the FirstNet network relative to tribal health initiatives in the state.
- FirstNet and the Public Safety Communications Research Program (PSCR) participated in the National Fallen Firefighters Technology Summit last week in Oakland, California. The presentations covered research being done to reduce firefighter fatalities in the fire service, focusing on sensor technology, contextual display of information, and smart machines. The fire service leaders discussed some of the possible challenges to technology acceptance.
- The FirstNet Federal Border Forum (Southwest) will take place August 30-31 at the Bureau of Land Management National Training Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Registration for federal practitioners is open now. For additional details on the forum or registration questions, contact the Federal Consultation team at FederalConsultation@FirstNet.gov<<mailto:FederalConsultation@FirstNet.gov>> .
- This week, FirstNet is participating in the National Association of EMS Educators Annual Symposium in Fort Worth, Texas; the Rhode Island Interoperable Communications Committee meeting in Lincoln; a PSCR Analytics Summit in Boulder, Colorado; the Arkansas Governance Body meeting in Little Rock; the Region III Quality of Service, Priority and Preemption (QPP) Consultation Task Team (CTT) meeting in Reisterstown, Maryland; the Region X QPP CTT meeting in Seattle, Washington; the Los Angeles-Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) meeting in Los Angeles, California; and the annual Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Wisconsin conference in Stevens Point.

· Last week, FirstNet posted three blog entries: Evolution of FirstNet's CCO, Metro Engagements Highlight SPOC Webinar<<http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/evolution-firstnet%E2%80%99s-cco-metro-engagements-highlight-spoc-webinar>>; Flying Blind is Dangerous: Enhancing Situational Awareness During Emergencies<<http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/flying-blind-dangerous-enhancing-situational-awareness-during-emergencies>>; and Why FirstNet: Enhancing Situational Awareness<<http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/why-firstnet-enhancing-situational-awareness>>, the third and fourth in the series "10 Ways FirstNet Will Help Public Safety Save Lives and Secure Communities" that is available at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/about/why>. All blog posts can also be accessed at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog<<http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>>.

Media Watch

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Urgent Communications 7/26: RFP competition should improve chances that FirstNet vision can become a reality for public safety <http://urgentcomm.com/blog/rfp-competition-should-improve-chances-firstnet-vision-can-become-reality-public-safety>

It may have been the worst-kept secret in the public-safety communications industry, but AT&T last week officially announced that it is leading one of the bidding teams vying for the right to build and maintain FirstNet's nationwide public-safety broadband network for the next 25 years.

Urgent Communications 7/26: Verizon CEO declines to comment on potential FirstNet role <http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/verizon-ceo-declines-comment-potential-firstnet-role>

Just days after AT&T formally announced that it has submitted a bid to lead a team seeking to build and operate FirstNet's nationwide public-safety broadband network, Verizon's CEO today declined to comment on the possible role that his company might play in a FirstNet bid.

Urgent Communications 7/28: Decision on LMR-to-LTE migration for mission-critical voice should be made by public safety, Seybold says <http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/decision-lmr-lte-migration-mission-critical-voice-should-be-made-pub>

Public safety's mission-critical voice communications someday may be transmitted over FirstNet<<http://urgentcomm.com/organizations/ntia-firstnet?intlink=autlink>>'s nationwide LTE<<http://urgentcomm.com/technology/long-term-evolution?intlink=autlink>> system, but elected officials and government administrators should not retire land-mobile-radio (LMR) networks until first responders express confidence in the LTE-based offering, according to leading wireless consultant Andrew Seybold.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media continues to grow at its normal rate. Facebook has 314 followers, Twitter gained 25 new followers and is now at 3,938 followers, while LinkedIn has 1,624 followers. YouTube now has 304 subscribers.